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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a

- ☐ Continuation-In-Part
☒ Divisional

application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/971,265, filed on October 3, 2001 entitled "CONVEYING APPARATUS AND ROTARY TYPE TRANSFER APPARATUS FOR SPOUT-EQUIPPED BAGS", of the following inventor(s):

SHINICHI HIRAMOTO and SHOJI TSUTSUI

- ☒ 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed with an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy.
- ☐ 2. Prepare a copy of the prior application.
- ☒ 3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CALCULATION OF FEES								
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	6	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$9	\$ 0	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	1	-3	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$42	\$ 0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							\$ 0
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140		\$ 0	
E	BASIC FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$750 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$375		\$ 375	
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)							\$ 375
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 11							

- ☒ 4. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1445. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ 5. A check in the amount of \$ 375 is enclosed.
- ☒ 6. Cancel Claim(s) 1-10 without prejudice.
- ☒ 7. The present application is assigned to TOYO JIDOKI CO., LTD.
- ☒ 8. Amend the specification by inserting in the first sentence following the title:

--This is a Divisional Application of Application Serial No. 09/971,265, filed October 3, 2001.--

- ☐ 9. Amend the specification by inserting after "filed _____", --now abandoned--.
- ☐ 10. Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.
- ☒ 11. The power of attorney in the prior application is to H. Henry Koda, Reg. No. 27,729 and William L. Androlia, Reg. No. 27,177.

(a) The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

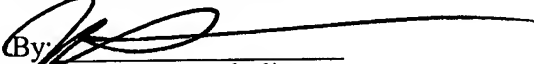
(b) Address all future communication to:

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- ☒ 12. A copy of Declaration & Power of Attorney form is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ 13. CIP Application is enclosed (in Japanese).
- ☒ 14. The certified copy(ies) upon which priority is claimed is(are) contained in Serial No. 09/971,265 filed October 3, 2001.
- ☒ 15. Convention priority is claimed based upon Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-305427 of October 4, 2000.
- ☐ 16. Please enter the Rule 116 Amendment from the pending prior application.
- ☒ 17. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☒ 18. Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

SHINICHI HIRAMOTO et al.

For: CONVEYING APPARATUS AND
ROTARY TYPE TRANSFER
APPARATUS FOR SPOUT-
EQUIPPED BAGS

Prior Art Unit: 3651

Prior Examiner: Mark A. Dueble

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-208884 published in Japan on August 3, 1999;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-124213 published in Japan on May 11, 1999;

C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-263302 published in Japan on September 28, 1999; and

D. Japanese Patent No. 2500557 published in Japan on March 13, 1996.

The above-listed art A-D are cited in the parent application No. 09/971,265, filed October 3, 2001, and the information disclosure statement submitted in application No. 09/971,265 complies with 37 CFR 1.98(a)-(c). Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these art are not enclosed.

In addition, the Examiner has cited the following prior art in the parent application No. 09/971,265:

E. U.S. Patent No. 4,563,935 issued to Rinck et al. on January 14, 1986;

F. U.S. Patent No. 5,074,397 issued to Mukai et al. on December 24, 1991;

G. U.S. Patent No. 6,029,795 issued to Janssen et al. on February 29, 2000; and

H. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 195 240 published by the European Patent Office on April 10, 2002.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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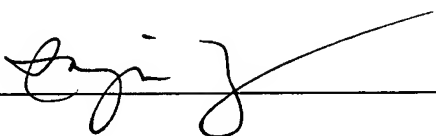
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